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ACHIEVEMENTS OF DRDO
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) laboratories in the country and proposal, if any, to set up new laboratories; and

(b) the achievements made by the DRDO in civil and military research during the last five years?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) There are 50 laboratories functioning under Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). At present, there is no proposal to set up new laboratory under DRDO.

(b) DRDO is primarily engaged in design and development of strategic, complex and security sensitive systems for the Armed Forces. During the last five years, a large number of DRDO developed systems have been productionised and inducted into Armed Forces and many are in the process of trials / production / induction, which include missiles; multi-barrel rocket launcher; unmanned aerial vehicles; radars; electronic warfare systems; sonars; torpedos; combat vehicles; bridging systems; combat aircraft; sensors; NBC technologies; parachutes; combat free fall system; propellants and explosives; detonators; communication systems; etc.

Many systems developed by DRDO for the Armed Forces during the last five years can also be used for civilian applications. These include composite materials; steels; computing systems; kits for detection of swine flue, malaria, typhoid, leptospirosis, dengue, chickengunia; lucoskin ointment to cure luecoderma; water poison detection kit; mosquitoes repellent; parachutes; stent; ready to eat food items; textile and clothing items; unmanned vehicles; riot control vehicles; bullet proof vehicles; night vision devices; laser dazzler, survival kits; bio-digesters; integrated shelters; fire retardant materials / equipment; emergency escape chute; walking robot; snow gallery; lubricants; paints; fuel cells; etc.